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1. The number of gas mask training periods was dependent on the commanding officer of the training company within the battalion; there was no prescribed number of hours set aside for chemical training.

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The men were trained with Soviet-made gas masks.

2. Component features of the gas mask were as follows:

- (a) Rubber face piece which covers the face and head, leaving only the back of the neck uncovered.
- (b) Rubber-fluted hose or tube extending from the mask to the canister.
- (c) Canister: contains three elements, one of which is activated charcoal; sources do not remember the other elements.
- (d) Gas mask carrier with shoulder strap.

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3. The gases were classified as vesicant (blistering), choking, sleeping, and tear. Sources did not know the names of gases but claimed that some could be deposited on the ground and others could be dispersed into the air. No practical application was given on any of these gases. 50X1
4. [redacted] for training purposes they had three paraffined gray-colored gas capes for use against blistering gases, and that capes in greater quantities were stored in warehouses of the HQ, 12th WOP Brigade in Szczecin. 50X1
5. [redacted] there was sapper equipment at Brigade Headquarters Supply but that there was none at GPK #13. 50X1
6. [redacted] had seen a drawing of a man carrying a flame thrower and also a tank flame thrower. The flame thrower on the man's back looked to them like a combat pack with a flexible hose attachment and switch at nozzle front. They did not know what type of substance was used or how much of it was in the flame thrower. They can furnish no further information on flame throwers. 50X1

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